

CHAPTER NO. 10

HOUSE BILL NO. 32

By Representatives Walker, Curtiss

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 333

By Senators Davis, Harper

AN ACT to designate a certain segment of State Route 392 within the corporate limits of the City of Crossville as the "Milo Lemert Parkway".

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those heroic soldier/citizens who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending their country, their principles and their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean could be more deserving of this special honor than the late Milo Lemert, one of only six Tennesseans who were awarded the Medal of Honor for military service during World War I; and

WHEREAS, this courageous man gave his life so that we may all enjoy the many benefits of living freely in a democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor was awarded posthumously to Milo Lemert, First Sergeant, Company G, 119th Infantry, 30th Division, for his heroic service with the U.S. Army in France during World War I; and

WHEREAS, the citation for his Medal of Honor reads in part: "His courageous action in destroying four enemy machine gun nests prevented many casualties among his company and very materially aided in achieving the objective"; and

WHEREAS, a true martyr for freedom, Mr. Lemert was killed as he attacked the fourth enemy machine gun nest; and

WHEREAS, his remains are interred in the Crossville City Cemetery, yet his all too brief life and indelible legacy of heroism still serve to remind us of the many sacrifices our ancestors made to create the bountiful life of contemporary American society; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation is presently planning the extension of State Route 392 in Crossville from U.S. Highway 127 to Peavine Road (State Route 101); and

WHEREAS, after the completion of such extension, State Route 392 is expected to become a major roadway in Crossville and Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Crossville, the veterans service organizations of Cumberland County and various prominent citizens have expressed a desire to name this extended segment of State Route 392 to honor the peerless military service and heroism of Milo Lemert, Cumberland County's sole recipient of the Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs in this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, that segment of State Route 392 within the corporate limits of the City of Crossville in Cumberland County from such route's intersection with U.S. Highway 127 North (State Route 28) southerly to its planned terminus at the intersection of U.S. Highway 70 East and Peavine Road (State Route 101) is hereby designated as the "Milo Lemert Parkway" as a lasting tribute to this heroic soldier and citizen who made the ultimate sacrifice so that present and future generations might enjoy the precious freedoms of democracy and the American way of life.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers or to affix suitable signs designating such segment of State Route 392 as the "Milo Lemert Parkway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 1, 1999


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of March 1999


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR